(b) the names of persons figuring in these matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) According to information available, the request of the CBI for sanction of prosecution in 58 cases is pending with various Central Government Ministries/Departments. It would not be appropriate to disclose the names of the persons involved in these cases at this stage.

Train Dacoities in Orissa

850. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has conducted any enquiry about the train dacoities committed several times near Kuhudi in Khurdha Division (Orissa).

(b) whether any action has been taken against the persons incharge; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. It is for the State Government to conduct such enquiries and take further necessary action. 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India.

Arrest of Women at Night

851. DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the established norms and procedure to arrest women at night in the country;

(b) whether Government proposed to make any amendments in the Cr.P.C. to stop the arrest of women at night; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be made and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) On the basis of the recommendation of the Law Commission a proposal has been made in the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1994 to insert a new sub-section (4) of section 46 Cr. P.C. with a view to prohibit arrest of a woman after sun-set and before sun-rise except in unavoidable circumstances. The Bill was subsequently referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs which considered the Bill and submitted its report.

Smuggling of children to Middle East

852. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that children are still being smuggled out from India to Middle East countries, particularly, Saudi Arabia, for begging;

(b) whether any estimate has been made of the number of children smuggled out; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to stop this trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) According to information available, 226 children had reportedly gone to Saudi Arabia during 1996 on a pilgrimage. These children, most of them handicapped, were deported to India during 1997. Procedures have been tightened to ensure that children travelling abroad are accompanied by their parents and are not taken by unauthorised persons. Migration authorities have been specifically instructed to scrutinise particulary the documents of the handicapped children being taken to Saudi Arabia on a pilgrimage.

Action on Vohra Committee Report

853. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether transparency demands that the Government publish the full Vohra Committee Report and to take action in consultation with the national parties; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken